satisfactory, as many staff members do not opt for staff quarters. However, where required, even more than 21 units of quarters are constructed. During 2002-03, out of 843 schools, 530 schools had more than 11 units of the -staff quarters, either constructed by the KVS or provided by the project/ sponsoring authorities. The school-wise/category-wise details of residential accommodation in Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country as on date is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Sabha.

(d) There is no proposal to provide accommodation for all the teachers in the Delhi Region for number of reasons. Not all employees require staff quarters, and the building by-laws of the local bodies do not permit construction of residential quarters in 26 KVs out of 59 in the Delhi Region.

(e) At present, staff quarters are under construction in 42 kendriya Vidyalayas, which are likely to be completed within the next two years. Sanction of construction of staff quarters for more schools will be issued in future, depending upon the requirement and the availability of land.

Missing Files in MMTC

*199. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any action in respect of the serious strictures passed on the MMTC in the Sixth Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings 2001-02 (13th Lok Sabha) vide recommendation No. 6 of the Report pertaining to missing files concerning import of gold by MMTC;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if no action has been taken so far, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Committee had desired that appropriate action should be initiated to fix responsibility on the senior-most officer who deal with the subject at a level not below the level of joint secretary and also to initiate remedial measures in the Ministry at least from now on so that such unfortunate incidences do not recur which could be taken advantage of by wrong doers. An enquiry into the missing file was

conducted. However, the enquiry could not make much headway due to the following:

(i) The section concerned reported that file movement registers were only available from 1993 onwards and no movement records were available for the period 1987-88.

(ii) Though the file movement records of Commerce Secretary's office indicated the relevant dates on which the file had been submitted to the then Commerce Secretary, backward tracing of the file was not possible as the movement registers for the relevant period were not available with the office of concerned Joint Secretary and in the concerned Division.

(iii) As per retention Schedule, the file registers are required to be maintained for 15 years while file movement registers are required to be maintained for one year. The manual of Office Procedure is silent about any other method to help in tracing the movement of a file after a lapse of 10 years or so.

(iv) Personal staff, posted with the then concerned Joint Secretary, had retired from Government Service in the year 1991 and 1993.

Subsequently, therefore, the case was closed. However, detailed guidelines were issued to prevent loss of files. The missing file has since been re-constructed.

Development in the social sector

† *200. SHRIMATI MAYASINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE
AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the provisions for development in the social sector during the next three years under the Common Minimum Programme;

(b) whether any negotiations have been held with the States also to formulate such programmes, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the financial resources have been assessed, if so, in what manner the resources are proposed to be mobilized?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Budget Estimates of the Ministry

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.